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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : OFR Comments on Proposed Redraft of DCID 1/3

REFERENCE: Your Memo dated 21 December 1967, Subject: PHIO's

1. OER's general impression is that the proposed redraft of DCID 1/3 would in effect retain, either specifically or by implication, five of the nine present objectives (see comparison below) and would add new emphasis to the subject of Soviet and Chinese leadership, objectives, and intentions. Presumably there would still be room for the generation of some superfluous intelligence activity. The four omitted objectives (marked by esterisk below) may have generated more than a propertionate share of superfluous intelligence activity. Each of the four, however, is a subject of continuing intelligence interest. To OER, PNIO Number 4 carries a particularly high interest and the effect of its removal from the PNIO list may be detrimental to following Communist activities in the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia.

2. OER comments keyed to the present PHIO's are as follows:

Present PRIO's (paraphrased)

Comment on Proposed Redraft

1. Warning of impending attack on US or allies

No change in this objective

2. Changes in Soviet and Chinese strategic military forces

Redraft splits this objective into two new ones -- objectives 3 and 4.

*3. Changes in Communist general purpose forces Omitted in redraft. Probably covered adequately in normal intelligence collection and research.

** Foreign country subversive activities leading to warfare in other countries

Omitted in redraft. This subject has a large element of intelligence interest. Current aspects are covered in the DCID 1/3 Supplement or in CIRL.

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Present PHIO's (paraphresed) (continued)

5. Sino-Soviet relations

Comment on Proposed Redraft (continued)

Adequately subsumed in objectives 2 and 5 of the redraft -- changes in Soviet and Chinese leadership, objectives, intentions; major changes in international alignments or internal political and economic stability of principal powers.

 Political, economic, scientific developments in Communist countries; conflicts in ruling groups; external policies

Adequately preserved in objectives 2 and 5 of redraft

7. Soviet muclear testing

Probably subsumed in objective 3 of redraft -- at least the testing that has military implications.

*8. Hon-Bloc nuclear energy and advanced weapons

Omitted in redraft. Probably covered adequately in normal intelligence collection and research.

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